

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

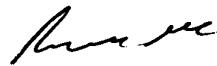
This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/019,290, filed January 4, 2002, and which is a National Stage Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/04442, filed July 4, 2000.

The present continuation application is submitted to prosecute new Claims 22-30. Claims 1-21 are canceled by the present amendment. Applicants submit that new claims are supported by the originally filed specification and drawings at least at Figure 11 , thus, it is believed no new matter is added.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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